GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of any kind of irregularities in the implementation of watershed development programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any officer has been found guilty in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (d) The Department of Land Resources occasionally receives complaints of irregularities on watershed projects. These are forwarded to the concerned State Government for enquiry and appropriate action. In case veracity of complaint is established, the concerned ZP/DRDA/State Government takes appropriate action which may vary from blacklisting in case of NGOs, recovery of funds, disciplinary proceedings or legal action against the state employees. Action in this regard is in the domain of the State Governments.